GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BASIC AMENITIES IN JAILS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of prisons in the country till date and the number of accused prisoners and convicted prisoners lodged in the jails during the last three years till date, State-Loi emnoi cho tinh chung ta, nhu doan cuoi trong cuon phim buon. Nguoi da den nhu la giac mo roi ra di cho anh bat ngo... http://nhatquanglan.xlphp.net/

(b) wise;

(b) whether the Government has allocated adequate funds to provide basic amenities, food, health care etc. for the prisoners;

(c) if so, the total funds provided during the above period and the details of expenditure incurred on food, healthcare and others per prisoner, State-wise;

(d) whether the amount spent on food for the prisoners is so meagre that they do not get sufficient food;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the remedial steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a): As per the statistics compiled by NCRB, the total number of prisons in the country at the end of 2006 was 1251. A statement indicating the number of accused prisoners and convicted prisoners lodged in the jails during 2004 to 2006. State/UT wise is at Annexure-I.

(b) to (f): The State/UT-wise details of expenses incurred on inmates for providing basic amenities like food, clothing, health care etc. during 2004-05 to 2006-07 is at Annexure-II. The maximum amount of the expenditure incurred on inmates is on food followed by medical care in a majority of the States and Union Territories.
Even though, the primary responsibility of prison administration lies with the State Governments, the Government of India has circulated a Model Prison Manual to the States for their guidance and adoption which prescribes a sample diet for a prisoner per day which is balanced and nutritious.